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1. IN CONVERSATION AUGUST 5 EMBOFF RAISED "HYPOTHETICAL" QUESTION OF V.C. VOTING WITH [redacted] SAID THAT ANY V.C. WHO WAS THE HOLDER OF A GVN IDENTITY CARD COULD HAVE HIS NAME INSCRIBED ON THE LIST OF ELECTORS IN A GIVEN DISTRICT. OBVIOUSLY A RECALCITRANT VIET CONG, IF DISCOVERED REGISTERING, WOULD BE ARRESTED. HOWEVER, IF HE MANAGED TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY AS A VIET CONG HE COULD VOTE LIKE ANY OTHER VIETNAMESE.

2. ONLY LEGAL WAY FOR A KNOWN VIET CONG TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ELECTIONS AS A VOTER WOULD BE FOR HIM TO RESPOND TO THE CHIEU HOI APPEAL AND LEGALIZE HIS STATUS THROUGH THE CHIEU HOI MACHINERY. [redacted] SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO LOCAL OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE DELIVERY OF IDENTITY CARDS TO CHIEU HOI RALLIERS SO THAT THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE SEPTEMBER 11 ELECTIONS. LODGE
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